

The final thing that I think anyone ought to say about him, because I understand this is your birthday today, JIM, your 58th birthday. After all the years with him, when some people were trying to claim that he did not care about senior citizens, JIM's mother made a commercial saying she knows you can trust her son, JIMMY. By golly, after 58 years if his mother says that JIM LIGHTFOOT can still be trusted and is still an obedient, dutiful son, if it is good enough for mom, it is good enough for me. I am proud of JIM LIGHTFOOT.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, it's not often that a distinguished cardinal of the Appropriations Committee flies away to the other body. But JIM LIGHTFOOT has decided that he will take his common-sense, his great humor, and his great ability to the Senate.

The House's loss will be the Senate's gain. Serving with JIM LIGHTFOOT on the Appropriations Committee has been both an honor and a privilege.

He has fought hard to cut out wasteful Washington spending, while making certain that his constituents in Iowa are represented fairly. He has been a passionate defender of small business owners and farmers of his district.

Most importantly, JIM LIGHTFOOT is a man of his word. When JIM LIGHTFOOT makes an agreement, he sticks to it. That is a trait that needs to become more common here in the United States Congress.

JIM LIGHTFOOT is a great American and he will make an outstanding Senator when he wins in November.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleague, Chairman JIM LIVINGSTON, for reserving this Special Order. I am pleased to join in this salute to our colleague, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT, as he prepares to depart at the end of this legislative session.

JIM LIGHTFOOT was elected to the United States Congress in 1984. During his tenure, he has done an excellent job of representing the Third Congressional District of Iowa. His constituents and the Nation have benefited as a result of his strong commitment to public service. He has played a key role in deliberations that have helped to shape our society and the Nation.

JIM LIGHTFOOT earned the respect of his colleagues for his efforts as a member of the House Appropriations Committee. On that panel, he chairs the Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government. JIM is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. In addition to these assignments, JIM LIGHTFOOT distinguished himself in his role as Chairman of the Republican Task Force on Health Care and Cochairman of the House Law Enforcement Caucus. His legislative record reflects his hard work on issues which include health care reform, crime and agricultural matters.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Appropriations panel, I have tremendous respect for JIM LIGHTFOOT. Our congressional delegation worked closely with him to secure funding for new Federal Court House Building. JIM is a conscientious lawmaker and a gentleman for whom I have great respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in saluting JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. We

wish him and the members of his family our very best in the years to come.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished representative from Iowa, the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT. For the past 12 years, JIM has honorably served the people of Iowa's Third District. Now I wish him the best in his attempt to represent Iowa in the United States Senate.

JIM has served this country in many different capacities, including in the Army, as a police officer, on the Corsicana, Texas City Commission, and most recently, as the Representative from Iowa's Third District.

While in Congress, JIM has made his marks on the Appropriations Committee, where he has served as the Subcommittee Chairman on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government for the past 2 years. Because of his work as Chairman, JIM deserves some of the credit for the savings achieved in Government spending during the 104th Congress.

JIM's humor and demeanor will be missed in this body. He is a fighter whose courage and tenacity have allowed him to outlive his political obituary written by many pundits.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Hon. JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT for his service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, it is my very great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and dear friend, JIM ROSS LIGHTFOOT from Iowa who will be retiring from the House at the end of this Congress to pursue a seat in the other body.

We thank JIM for his years of distinguished public service in the House of Representatives and wish him well as he returns to Iowa—just as he has done every week Congress was in session—to stay in touch with the people of Iowa.

When he was first elected to the Congress in 1984, JIM brought with him to the House of Representatives a wide array of experience nearly as vast as his 27-county Congressional District.

A small businessman himself, JIM has long been a good friend to small business owners. After serving in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in 1956–64, JIM was and is an outstanding spokesman for our Nation's veterans. As a former Tulsa, OK police officer, JIM was a valued leader in the Law Enforcement Caucus as its cochairman to pursue a seat in the other body.

His stewardship of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee was marked by a commitment to safeguard taxpayers hard-earned dollars and assuring that the Federal departments and agencies under his jurisdiction stuck to the good Government policies which were and are JIM's hallmark.

I wish JIM, his wife Nancy and their children Terri, Jamie, Alison and Jim Jr. the very best.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maine [Mr. LONGLEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LONGLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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tleman from Kansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HUTCHINSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

IMMIGRATION BILL STANDS TO BE GUTTED IN OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. ROHRABACHER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has been in California probably more often than Ronald Reagan. The fact is that he is out there visiting his billionaire buddies from Hollywood and, of course, these billionaire buddies, along with the millionaires, are the ones who bankroll the liberal left activists who control the Democratic party.

But being out in California so often, he has spoken to the people of California and made the promise that he would try to help us come to grips with the problem that threatens the social infrastructure of our State and, that is, the flood of illegal immigration that is basically destroying the education, health care and social service infrastructure of the State of California. He has made this promise on several occasions.

The fact is that this is the same President who people have learned to sort of when he promises something, to take it with a grain of salt. After all, he is the same one who, as soon as he became President, started referring to taxes as contributions and Federal spending as investment which seems a little crass in the use of words. He is not putting anything over on anybody.

He is the one who promised us a middle-class tax cut, then raised taxes on gasoline and, of course, raised taxes dramatically on senior citizens; and also promised to end welfare as we know it, but then vetoed welfare reform bills that made their way through Congress.

But he did promise California, to help us with this flood of immigration. The people of the State of California, and I think the people of the rest of this country, should understand what is happening in Washington today. Today the President of the United States is in negotiations with the Republican leadership. What is he demanding of us? What is he demanding of the Republicans who now control both Houses of Congress? The President who promised to help us stem this flood of illegal immigration that is destroying our schools and our health care, that same President is now threatening to close down the United States Government if the Republicans do not agree to gut the immigration reform bill that was recently passed in the House of Representatives with a substantial majority.

Yes, we were told that we had to remove that provision that said illegal